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SUBJECT: ASSESSING AL-QADHAFI'S HEALTH

REF: 07 TRIPOLI 1033

CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy -
Tripoli, U.S. Dept of State.
REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (S/NF) Summary: A XXXXXXXXXXXXX diplomat assessed reports that Muammar al-Qadhafi was suffering from cancer as "unreliable" and speculated that they may have been prompted at least in part by information from XXXXXXXXXXXX, but whose actual contact was much more limited and indirect. Separately, XXXXXXXXXXXX told us he was not suffer reviewing them with physicians whom he trusted. While the specific nature of his physical ailments remains unconfirmed, it does appear that al-Qadhafi is not entirely well. XXXXXXXXXXXX told us al-Qadhafi's schedule of meetings - especially at night - is less inter

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¶2. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX he assessed reports that Muammar al-Qadhafi was suffering from cancer as "unreliable". XXXXXXXXXXXX said he had heard **¶3.** XXXXXXXXXXXX
HYPERTENSION & DIABETES,

BUT NOT CANCER

¶4. (S/NF) Separately, XXXXXXXXXXXX
al-Qadhafi was not suffering from cancer. XXXXXXXXXXXX
hypochondriac" who obseeses about his physical ailments and insists that all examinations and procedures be filmed. XXXXXXXXXXXX al-Qadhafi re undergone.

¶5. (S/NF) XXXXXXXXXXXX
al-Qadhafi suffered from hypertension and was borderline diabetic, but that he did not suffer from cancer. XXXXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXX. There have been reports that a medical specialist, usually described as either Austrian or Swiss, recently traveled to Libya to the procedure and the plugs had had to be removed.

¶6. (S/NF) Comment: Speculation about al-Qadhafi's health is a perennial feature of the rumor mill here. Post noted in televised coverage of al-Qadhafi's June 10 arrival in Rome that he appeared to be tenta negotiating stairs. While the specific nature of his physical ailments remains unconfirmed, it does appear that he is not entirely well. Embr XXXXXXXXXXXX recently told us al-Qadhafi's schedule of meetings - especially at night - is less intensive than it used to be and that he spends active international travel schedule. XXXXXXXXXXXX. End summary.

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